

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action of December 14, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the invention of **Invention I** which is drawn to Claims 1-26. Applicants have canceled the claims drawn to Invention II (Claims 27-33). This cancellation is being done without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for these claims. Applicants are not traversing the restriction requirement because Applicants agree that unpatentability of the product claims of Invention I would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the method claims of Invention II and vice versa. The Title has been changed to conform to cancellation of the product/apparatus claims.

With respect to the election requirement, Applicants elect Species I, as to which at least Claims 1-14 are readable thereon. Applicants have withdrawn the claims identified in the Office Action as corresponding to non-elected species, but assume that prosecution with respect to these claims will reopen upon allowance of any generic claim.

Favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-14 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner deems that this response is not completely responsive to the restriction requirement, the undersigned respectfully asks the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, so as to resolve any issues that are not apparent to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



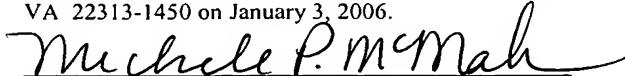
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